GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1364
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2003
INFANT MORTALITY RATE CONTROL PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched any programme to check infant mortality rate in the country with the cooperation of UNICEF;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the States where the said programme is proposed to be launched?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Border District Cluster Strategy is being implemented by the Governemnt of India- Ministryof Health and Family Welfare, State Governments and UNICEFin 51 districts of the country. This programme is a major initiative to address the problem of Infant Mortality. The Border Districts Cluster Strategy was launched in theyear 2000 and it foresees the following strategies, in line with the Reproductive Child Health policies of the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, these are:-

Ã° Revitalization of the sub centre level of care

Ã° Improvement in family and health care-giver practices

Ã° Operationalization of an essential package of care (acceleration of routine immunization aimed at the elimination of Neonatal Tetanus, control of Measles and the eradication of Poliomyelitis, Ante-Natal Care, Emergency Obstetric Care, Integrated Management of Neo-natal and Childhood illness).

Ã° Support to policy formulation at the state level in the context of the health sector systems strengthening to support infrastructure development and upgradation of skills in order to reduce the rate of Infant Mortality.

(c): The Project is being implemented in 51 districts in16 different States of the country. These districts were chosen in consultation with the State Governments. A list of these districts and States is annexed. In the current 2003-2007 Plan of Operations, UNICEF does not foresee any geographical expansion.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1364 FOR 26.2.2003

BDCS DISTRICTS

STATES	DISTRICTS
Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad, Nizambad, Medak, Chittoor
Jharkhand	East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, Ranchi, Saraikela
Gujarat	Dangs, Valasad
Haryana	Rewari, Gurgaon.
Himachal Pradesh	Chamba, Kangra
Jammu & Kashmir	Udhampur, Kathua
Karnataka	Bijapur, Gulbarga, Raichur, Bidar
Madhya Pradesh	Morena, Shivpuri, Guna, Tikamgarh, Sheopur
Maharashtra	Nanded, Latur, Osmnabad
Orissa	Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Balasore
Punjab	Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur, Ropar
Rajasthan	Dholpur, Jhalawar, Baran
Tamil Nadu	Thiruvellore, Vellore
Uttar Pradesh	Lalitpur, Hamairpur, Banda, Mahoba, Chitrakoot, Jhansi
West Bengal	Purulia, Bankura, East Mednipur, West Mednipur
Kerala(tribal	Mallapuram and Iddukki

population)